



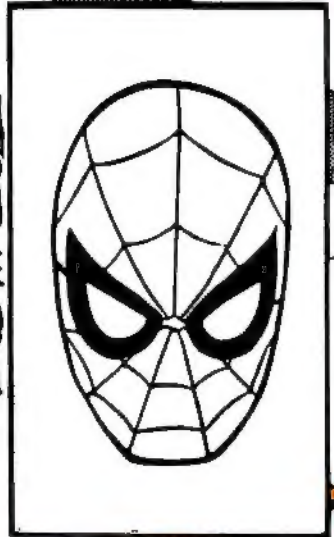
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FOR AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE, THE STREETS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE-- THE AIR RESOUNDING WITH THEIR CHEERS-- AS THE TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION MAKES ITS WAY ACROSS THE SENATORIAL PLAZA OF THE CITY OF NOVA ROMA-- NEW ROME!

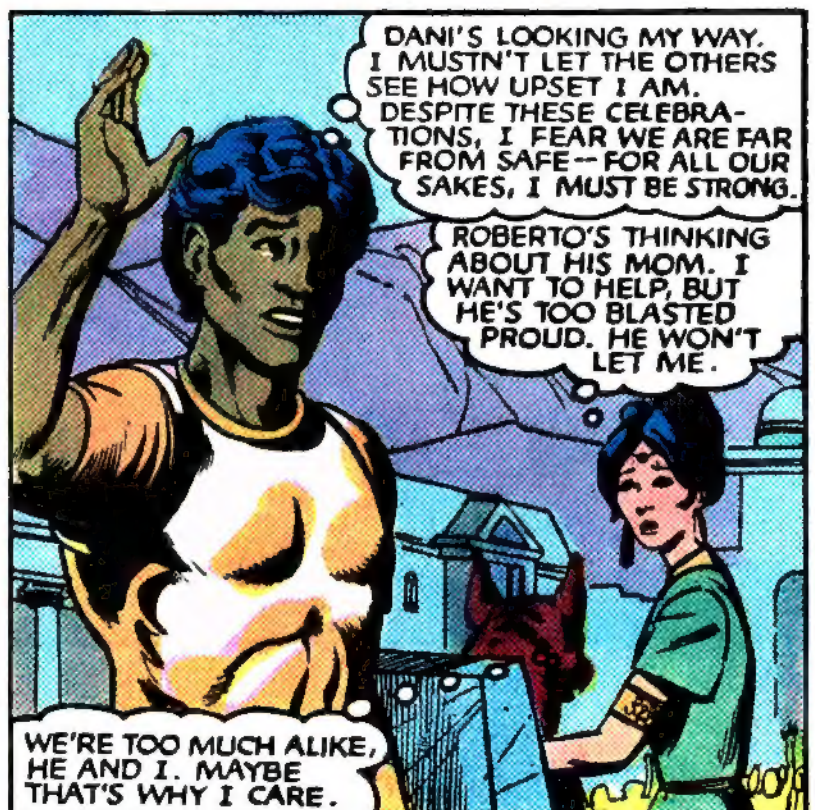
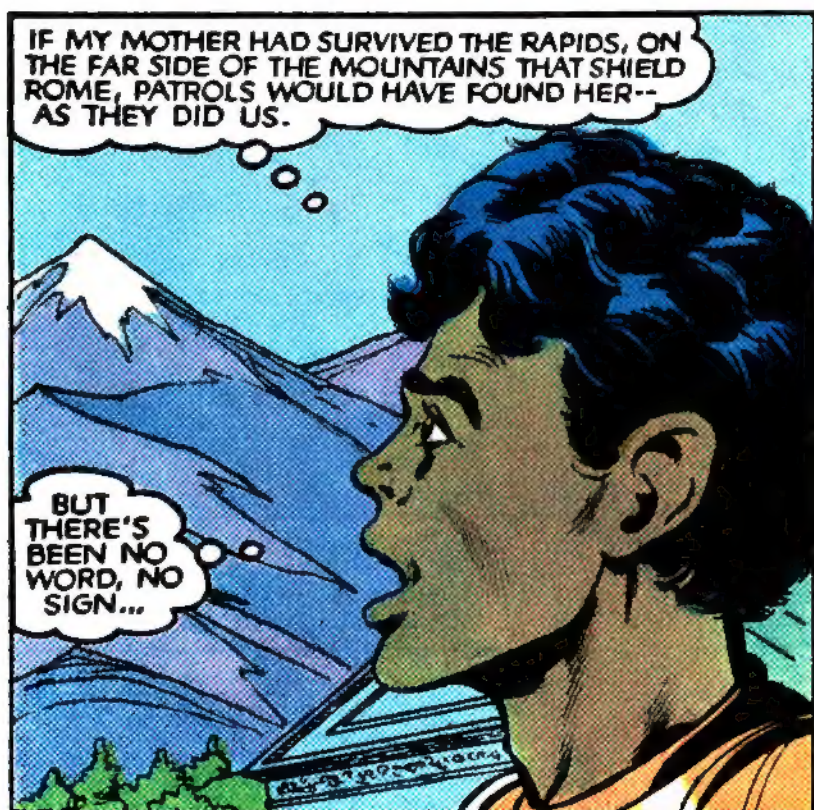
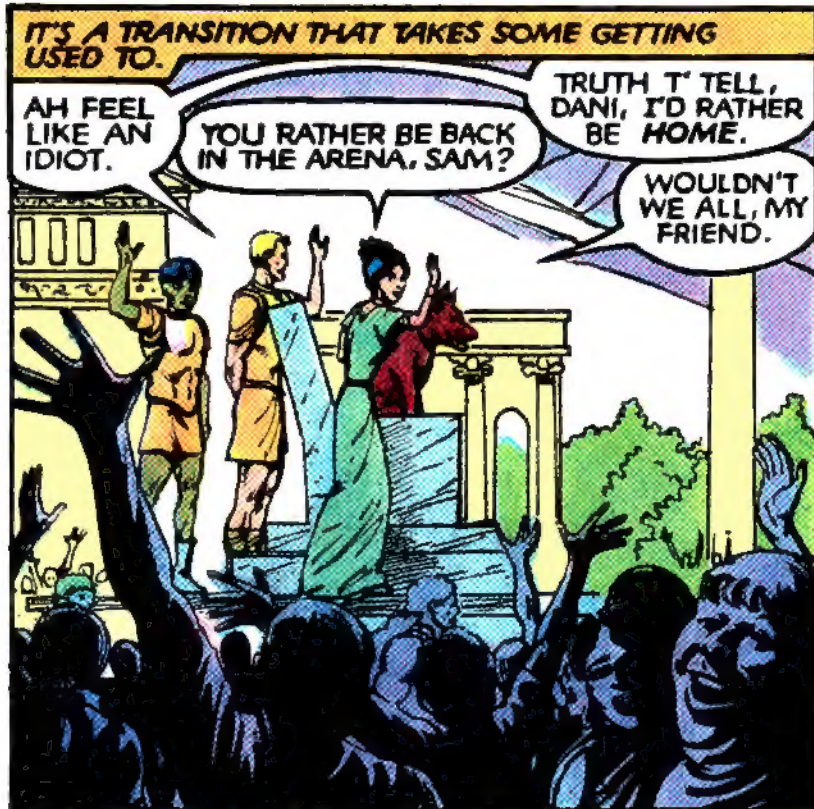
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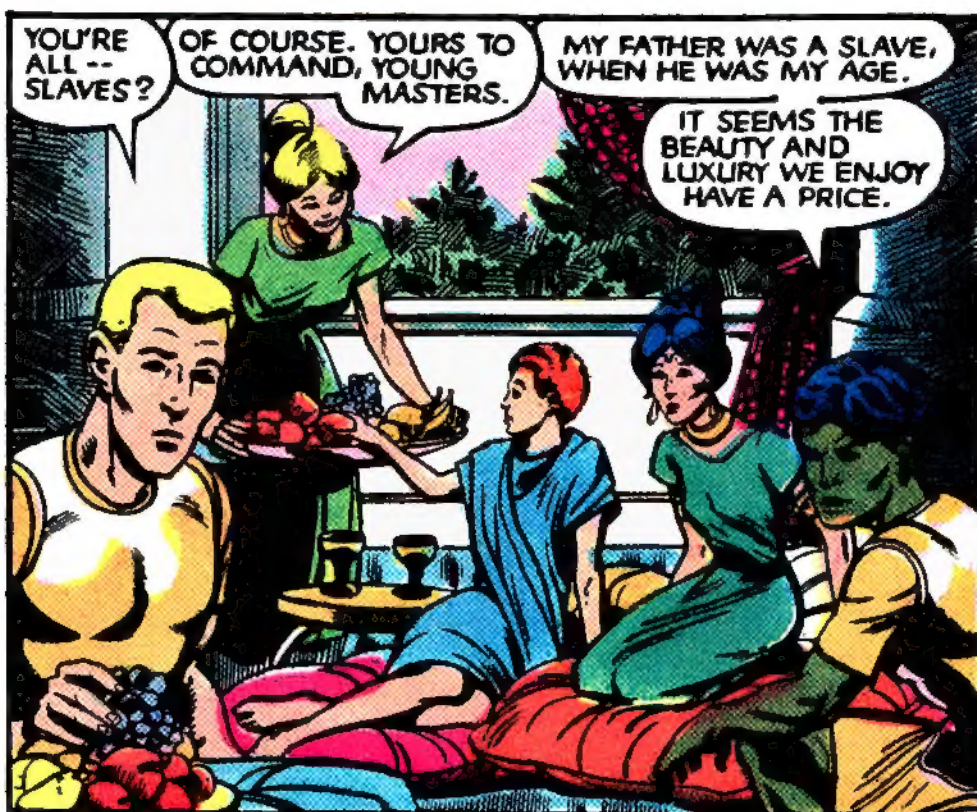
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REJOICING? A
13-YEAR-OLD SCOTS
WEREWOLF...

...ACCLAIMED, MUCH
TO HER SURPRISE, AS
THE LINEAL DESCENDENT
BOTH OF JULIUS CAESAR
(BECAUSE OF HIS RED
HAIR) AND THE SACRED
SHE-WOLF WHO SUCKLED
ROMULUS AND REMUS,
LEGENDARY FOUNDERS
OF ANCIENT ROME.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, RAHNE SINCLAIR
AND HER FELLOW NEW MUTANTS WERE IN
THE ARENA, FACING DEATH OR A LIFE OF
SLAVERY. TODAY, THEY'RE LIVING GODS.

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THE FEAST TASTES AS GOOD AS IT LOOKS. AND THERE'S VERY LITTLE LEFT BY THE TIME ITS OVER.

YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND TO US, SENATOR.

NO LESS THAN YOU DESERVE, CHILD.

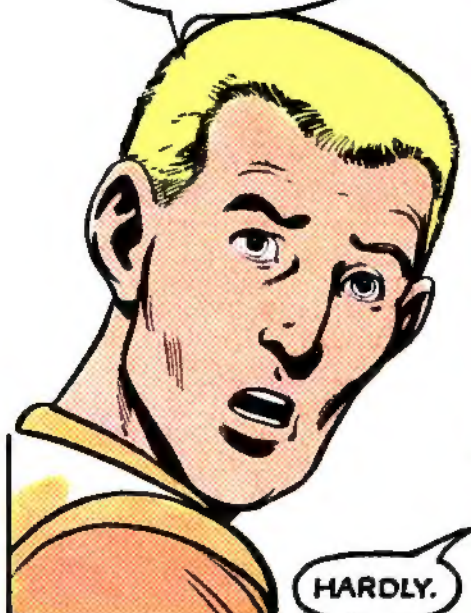
REALLY, SIR? AH SPOTTED ONE GENTLEMAN WHO DIDN'T SEEM ANY TOO HAPPY WHEN WE RODE BY.

I CAN GUESS WHO-- BUT YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE, SENATOR AGUILLA. I'LL DEAL WITH HIM.



AMARA'S DAD! AH THOUGHT AH NOTICED A RESEMBLANCE!

YOU TWO DON'T GET ALONG?



HARDLY.

I AM OF THE *PATRICIAN* CLASS, LAD-- THE NOBILITY-- BORN AND BRED TO UPHOLD THE IDEALS AND TRADITIONS THAT HAVE MADE ROME GREAT...



... CARETAKERS OF THE ETERNAL DREAM SHE REPRESENTS, GUARDIANS OF HER IMMORTAL SOUL.

AGUILLA IS *PLEBIAN*. NOW, MANY SENATORS ARE COMMONERS, SOME EVEN DESCENDED FROM SLAVES-- AND THEY SERVE AS HONORABLY AS ANY PATRICIAN.

NOT SO, LUCIUS ANTONIUS.



HE RESPECTS NO LAW BUT HIS OWN AND DESIRES NOTHING BUT POWER. TO ACHIEVE IT, HE WILL PAY ANY PRICE, MAKE ANY SACRIFICE.

IT IS RUMORED THAT HIS ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO NAME HIMSELF *EMPEROR*.



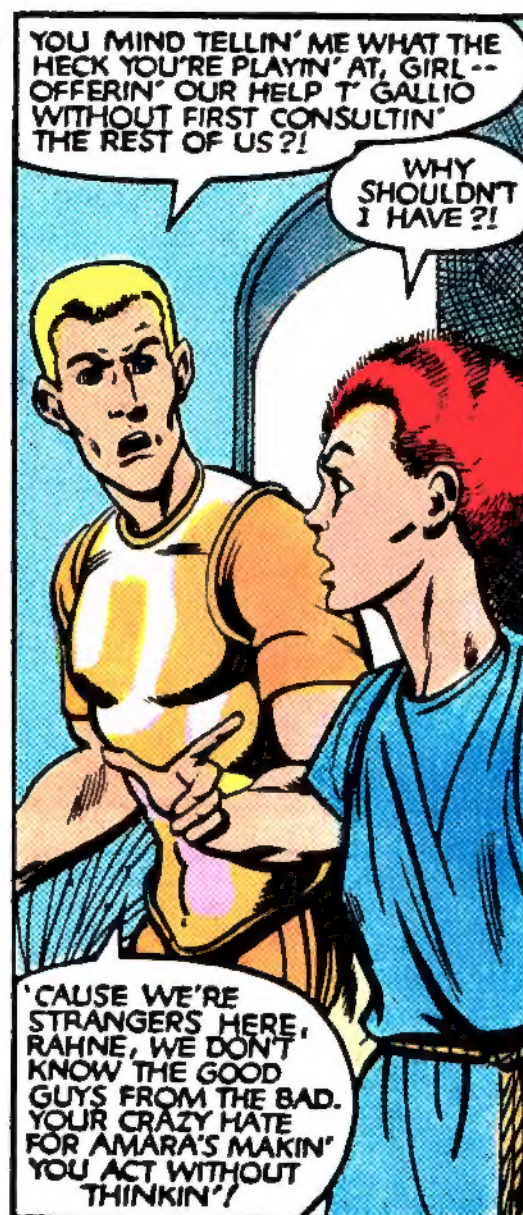
THE MAN TALKS REAL SLICK-- REMINDS ME O' THE COMP'NY REP READIN' MANAGEMENT'S OFFER T' DADDY AN' TH' OTHER MINERS AT CONTRACT TIME. EVERYTHING SOUNDED GREAT-- 'TIL YOU TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT IT.

HE'S ALSO TREATIN' US LIKE KIDS. DANI'S PLAYIN' ALONG-- ACTIN' REAL P'LITE AND RESPECTFUL-- AH'LL FOLLOW HER LEAD.

GOSH, SIR-- THAT AIN'T WHAT AMARA TOLD US. SHE SAID HER FATHER LED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.









I MUST CONFESS, SHE'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER THAN I. I HAVEN'T THE PATIENCE. MY SOLUTION TO ANY ARGUMENT IS TO PUNCH SOMEONE...

DOES MY LORD REQUIRE ANYTHING?



NOTHING, THANK YOU.

I COULD EASE YOUR SADNESS, MASTER.

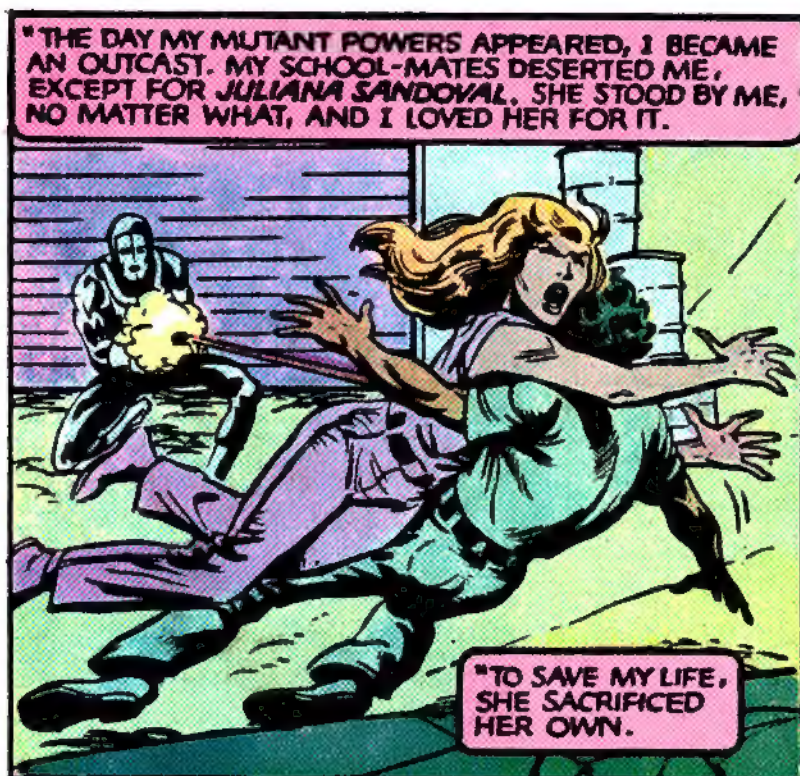
LEAVE ME, PLEASE. I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE.



DO MY FEELINGS SHOW SO MUCH? PERHAPS HURT AS DEEP AS MINE CANNOT BE HIDDEN?

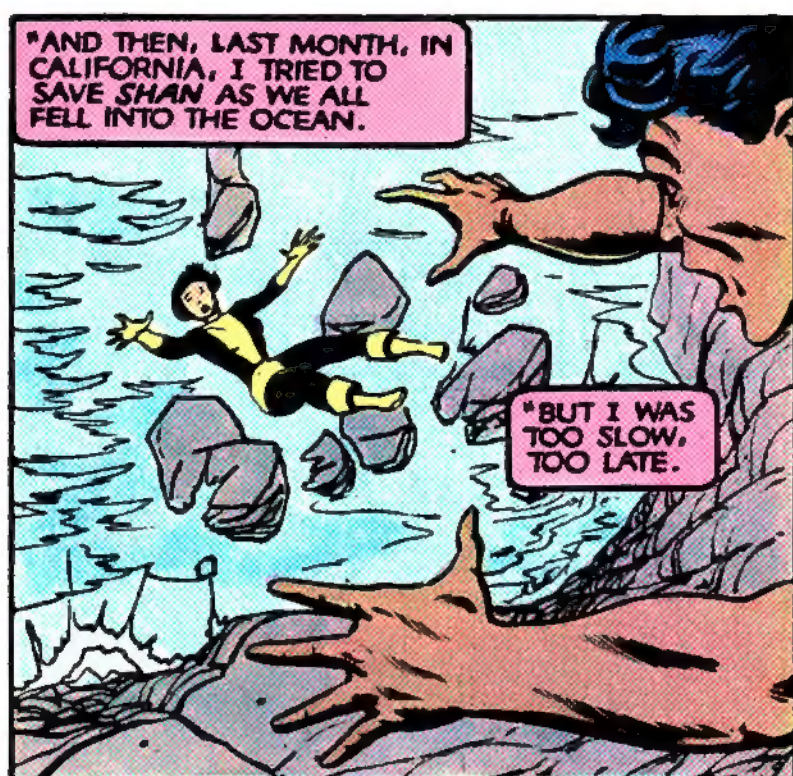
OR DO I SECRETLY ENJOY FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF? SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED...

...SO MUCH OF IT, BAD.



*THE DAY MY MUTANT POWERS APPEARED, I BECAME AN OUTCAST. MY SCHOOL-MATES DESERTED ME, EXCEPT FOR JULIANA SANDOVAL. SHE STOOD BY ME, NO MATTER WHAT, AND I LOVED HER FOR IT.

*TO SAVE MY LIFE, SHE SACRIFICED HER OWN.



*AND THEN, LAST MONTH, IN CALIFORNIA, I TRIED TO SAVE SHAN AS WE ALL FELL INTO THE OCEAN.

*BUT I WAS TOO SLOW, TOO LATE.



*AS I WAS DAYS AGO, IN THE RIVER, WHEN OUR BOAT WAS WRECKED. * MY LOVE, MY TEAM-MATE...

*...MY MOTHER--

*SCENES COURTESY OF THE NEW MUTANTS GRAPHIC NOVEL, PLUS ISSUE #'S 6 & 8-- LOUISE.



-- DEAD BECAUSE OF ME.

WHAT GOOD IS MY ACCURSED POWER IF I CANNOT USE IT TO HELP THOSE I CARE FOR?!

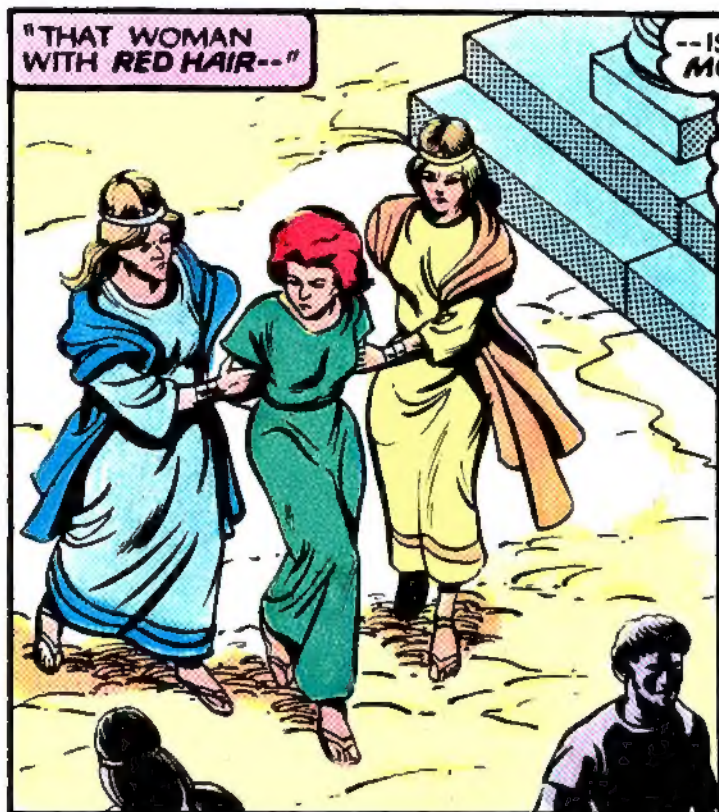
I WISH MY FATHER WAS HERE.



WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER, WE TALK LIKE PALS, NOT FATHER AND SON. HE WOULD KNOW THE ANSWERS, HE ALWAYS DOES-- eh?!

WHAT'S THAT, IN THE PLAZA?!

BLESSED SAINTS-- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



"THAT WOMAN WITH RED HAIR--"

--IS SHE MY MOTHER?!!

DEAR LORD, LET IT BE HER.

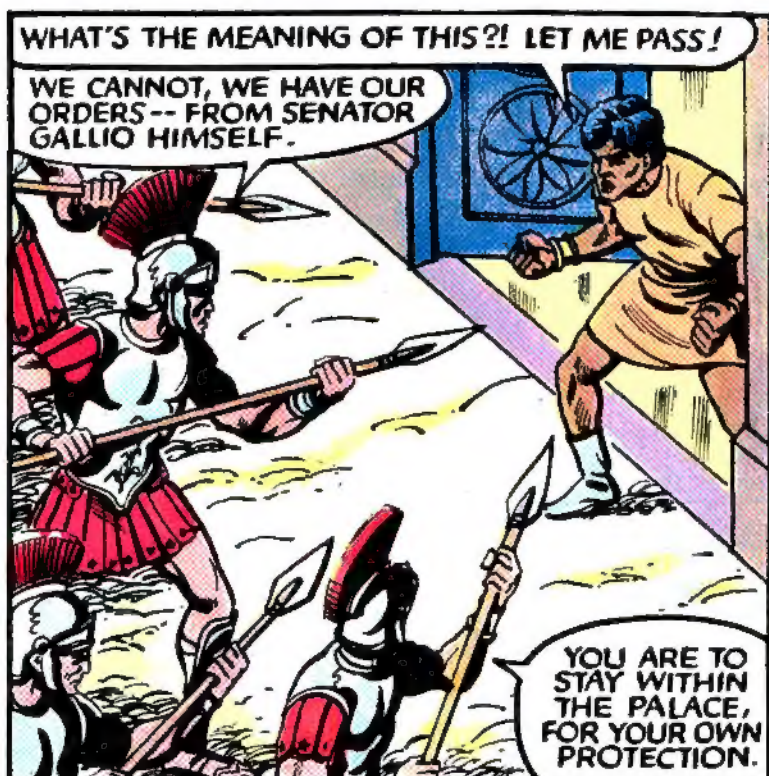
LET HER BE ALIVE!



SHE WAS DRESSED AS A ROMAN. IF SHE'S BEEN FOUND, WHY HASN'T ANYONE TOLD US-- EH?!!

NO FURTHER, OUTLANDER.

STAND WHERE YOU ARE!



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?! LET ME PASS!

WE CANNOT, WE HAVE OUR ORDERS-- FROM SENATOR GALLIO HIMSELF.

YOU ARE TO STAY WITHIN THE PALACE, FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION.



THERE ARE THOSE IN NOVA ROMA WHO WOULD DO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HARM-- ulp!

MOVE ASIDE, DECURION, BEFORE I SHOW YOU...

...JUST HOW WELL I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.



WHAT AM I DOING?! THREATENING AN INNOCENT MAN SIMPLY DOING HIS DUTY?!

IT GOES AGAINST THE MOST BASIC RULE TAUGHT US BY PROFESSOR XAVIER:

... THAT OUR POWERS MUST ONLY BE USED IN SELF-DEFENSE OR TO HELP SOMEONE, NEVER IN WANTON VIOLENCE.

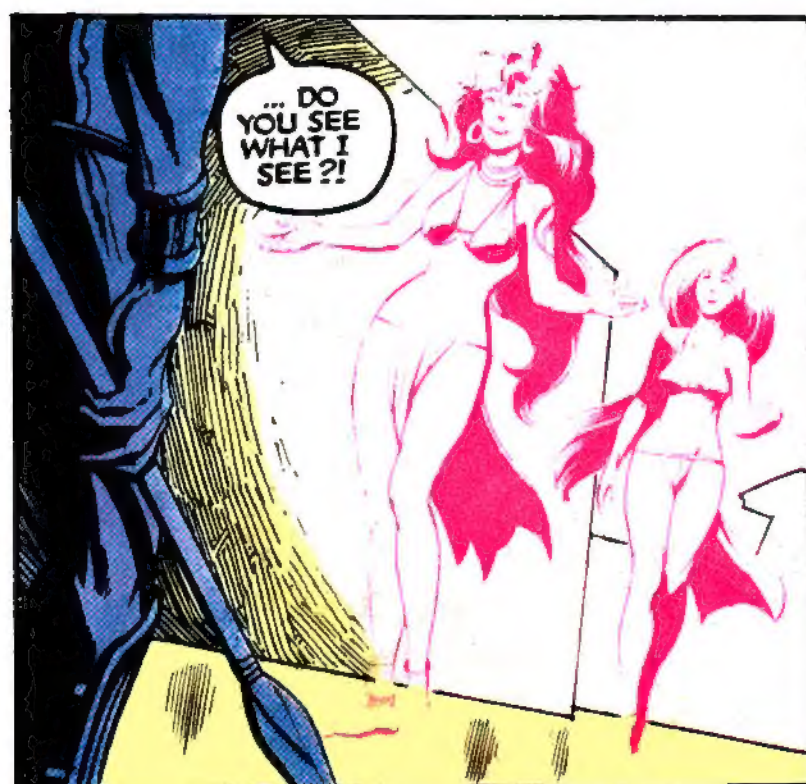
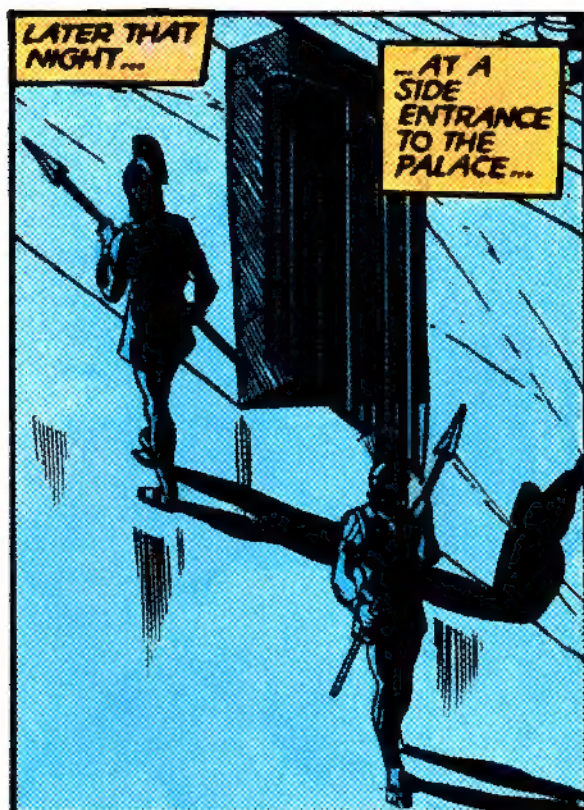
THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE WOMAN, I'LL NEVER FIND HER IN THAT CROWD. I PROBABLY ONLY IMAGINED HER ANYWAY.

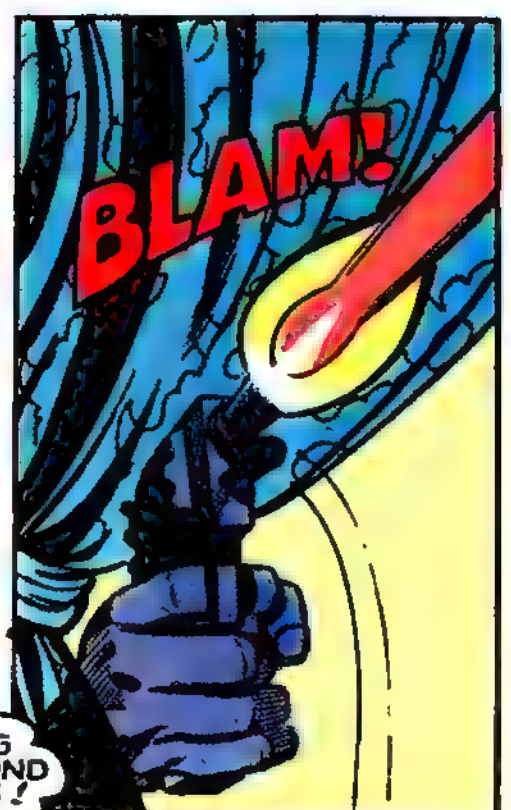
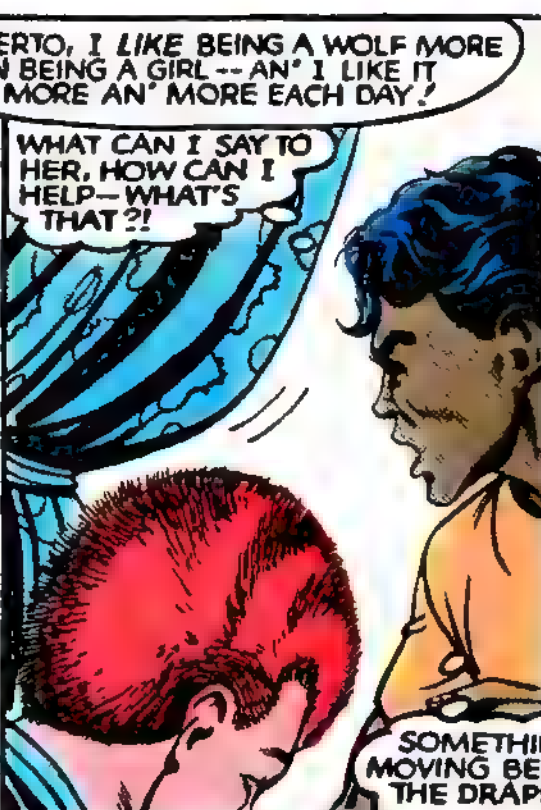
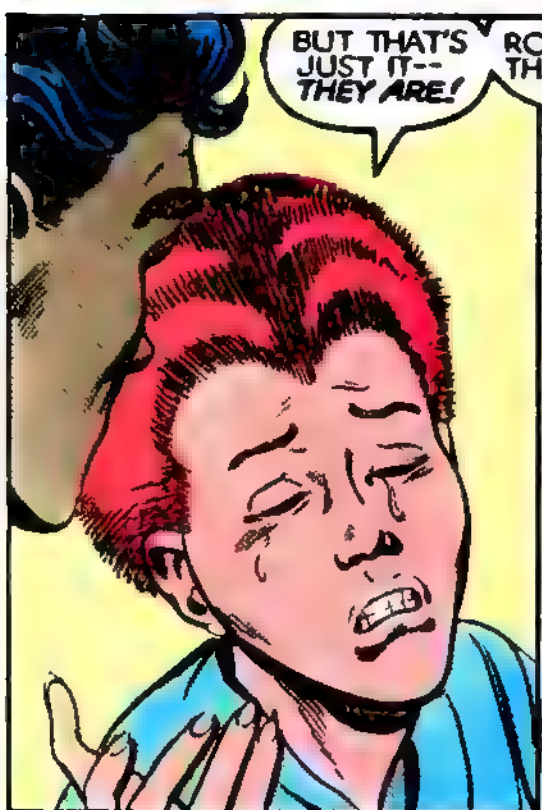
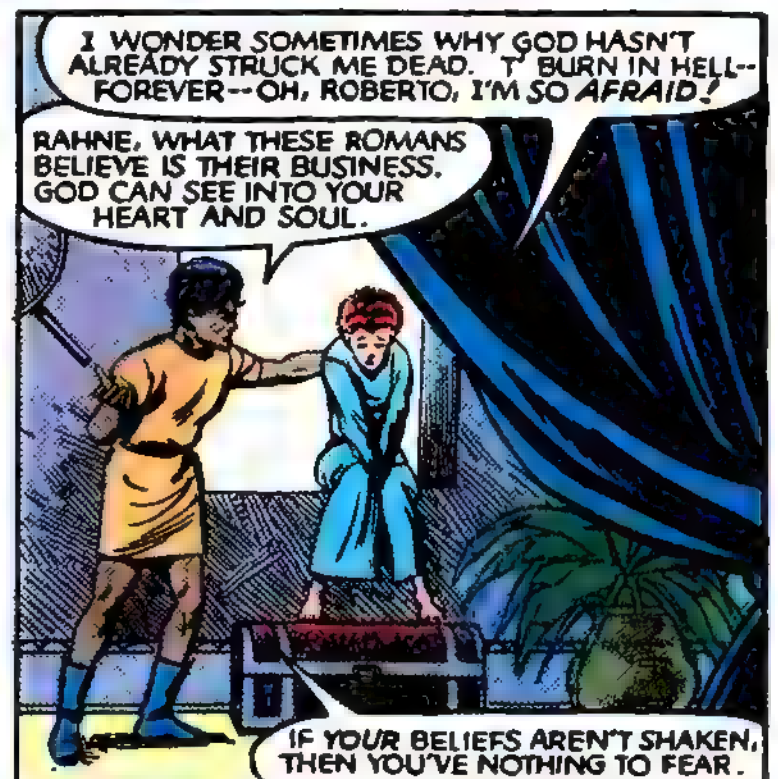
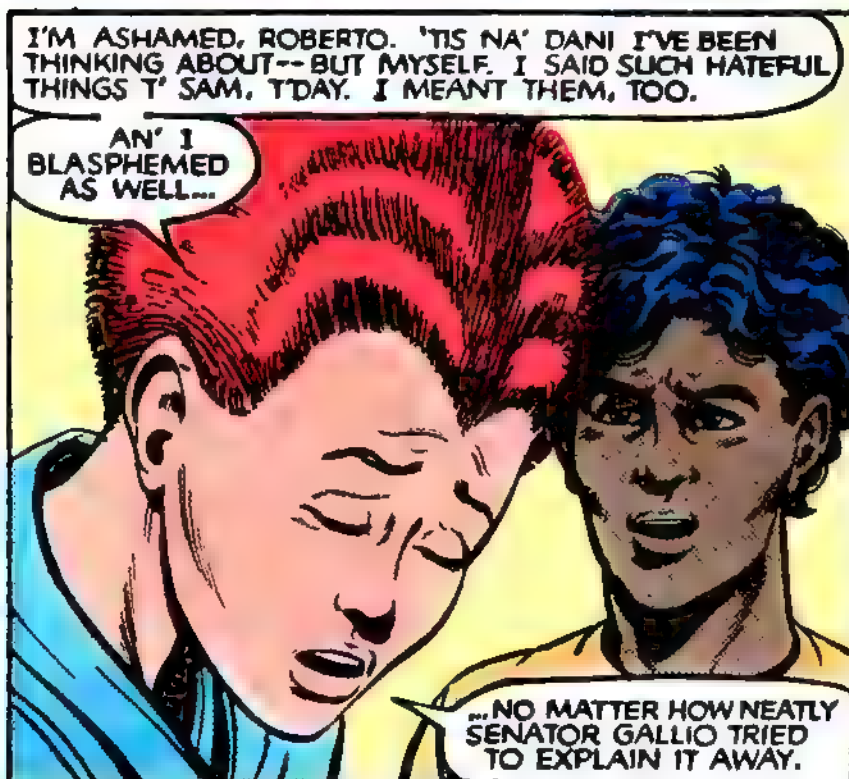
FORGIVE ME, DECURION. I WAS UPSET. I DID NOT MEAN TO LOSE MY TEMPER.

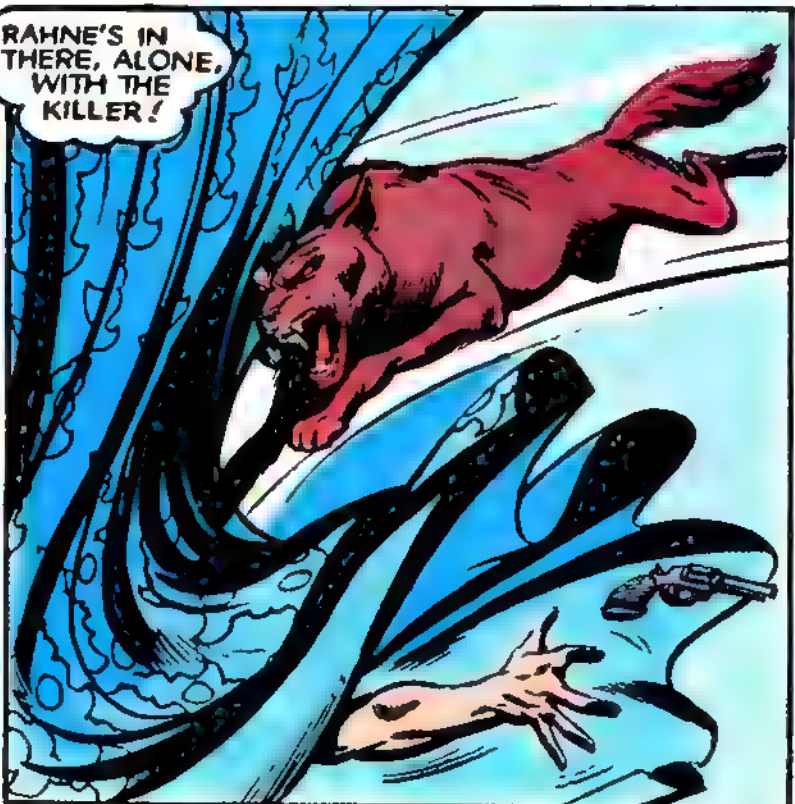
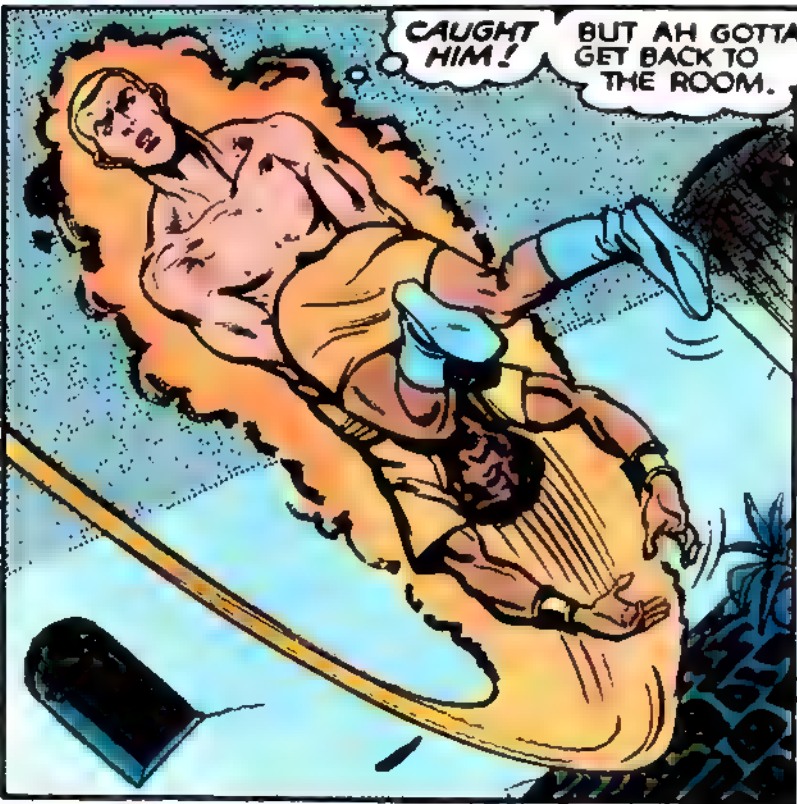
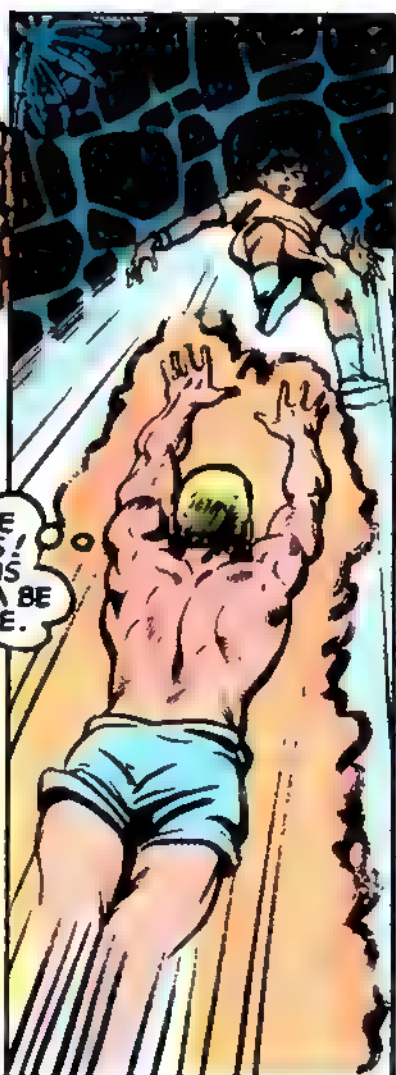
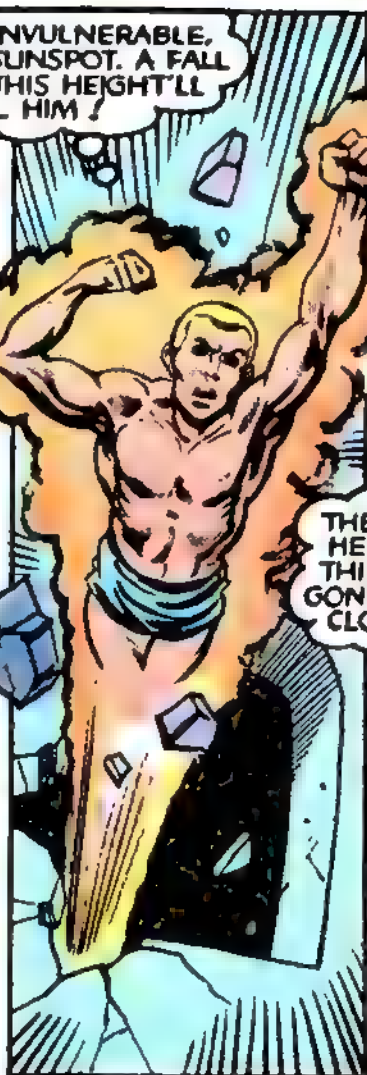
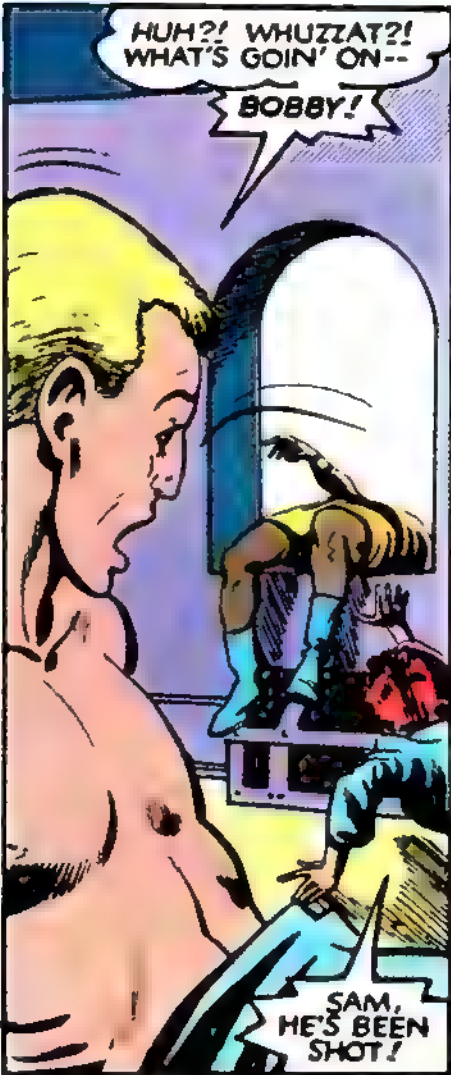
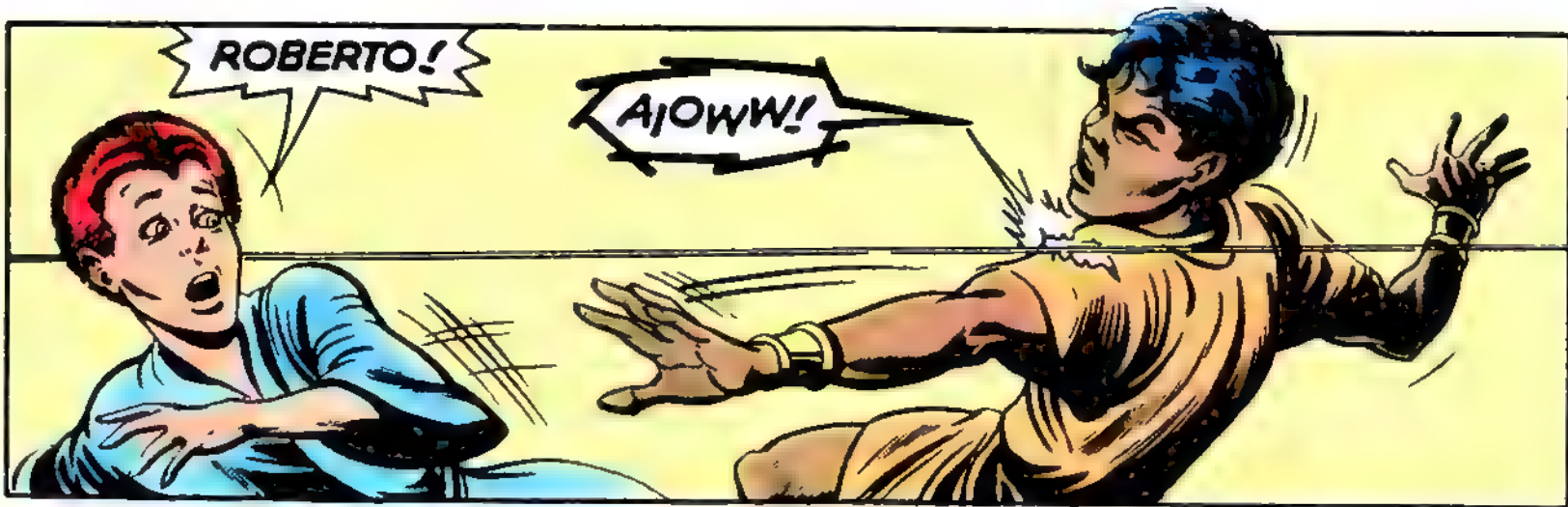


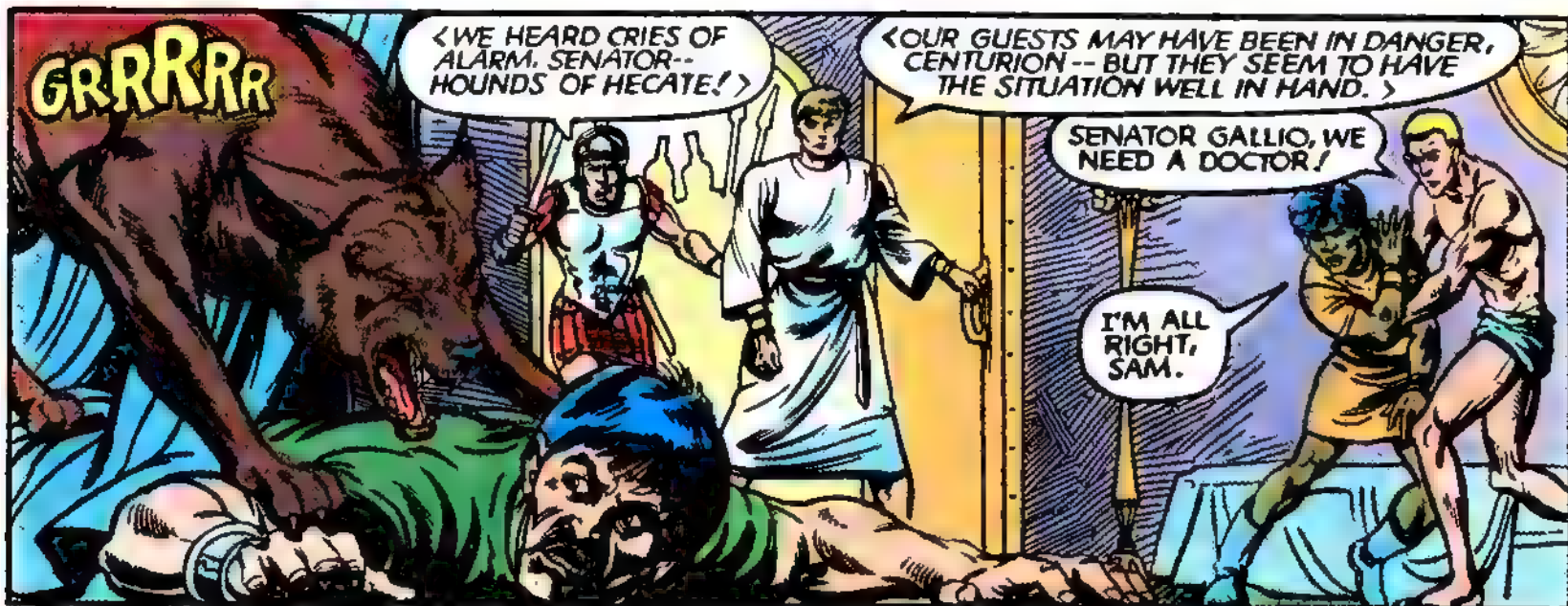
"IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN."

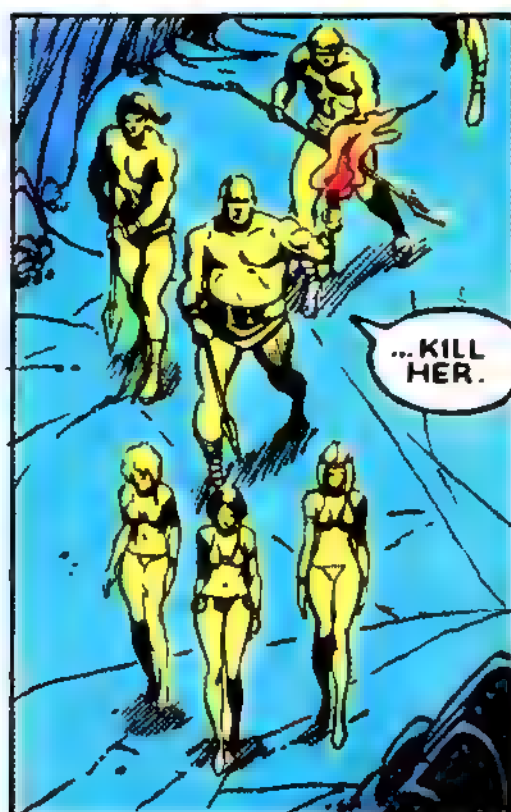
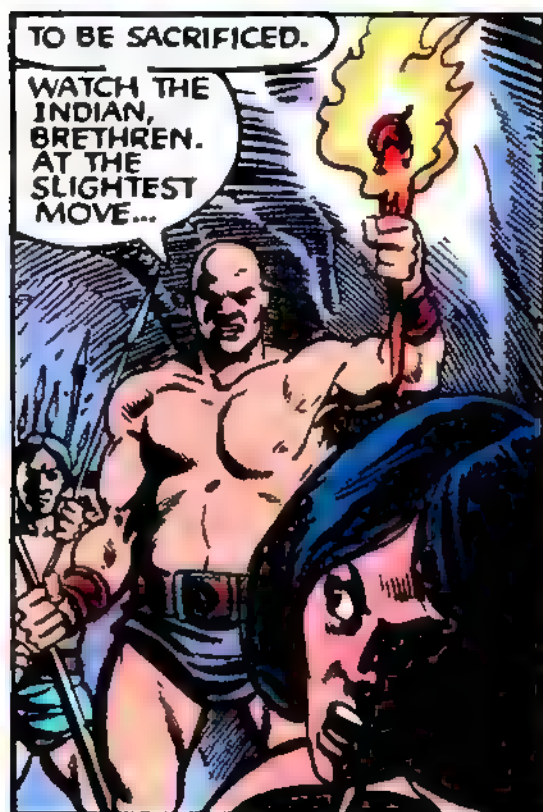
<THANK JUPITER FOR THAT!>

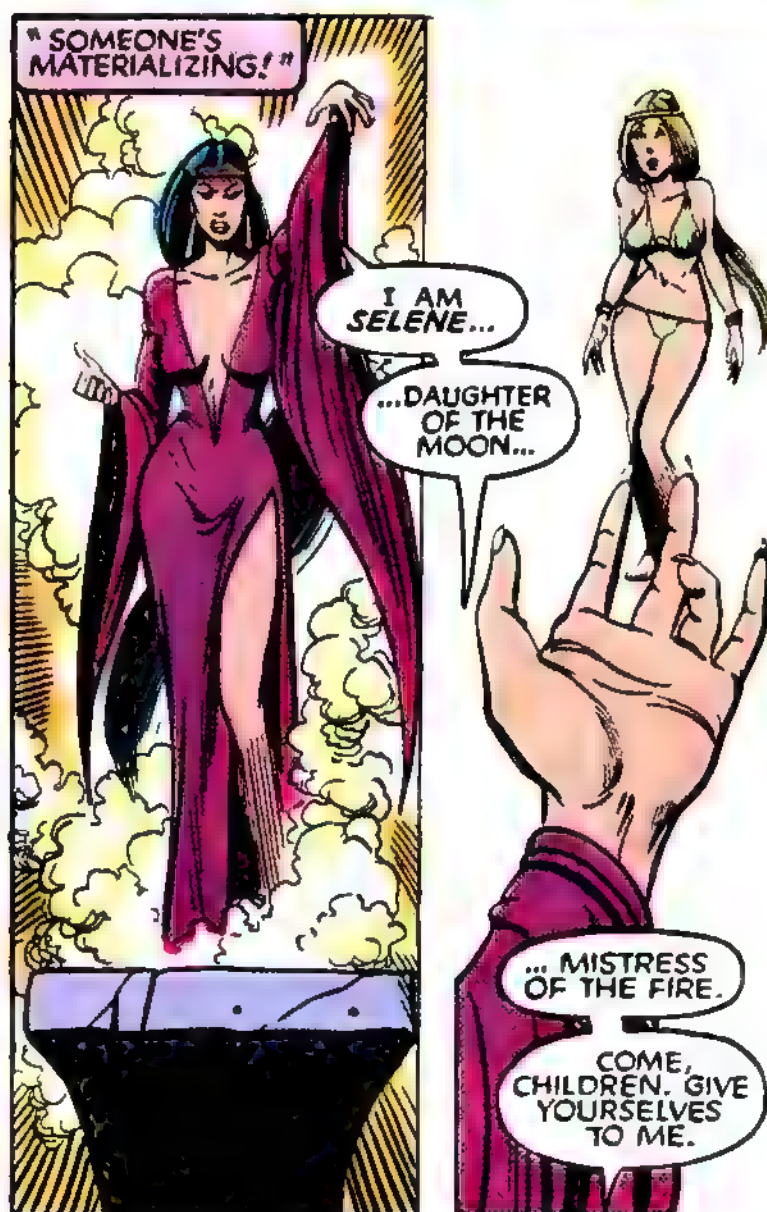
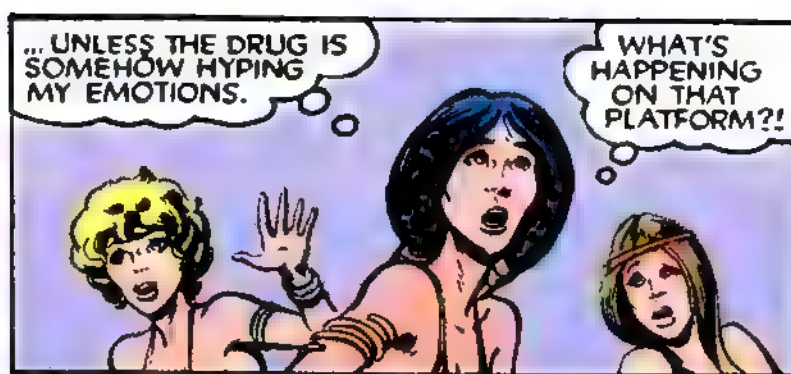
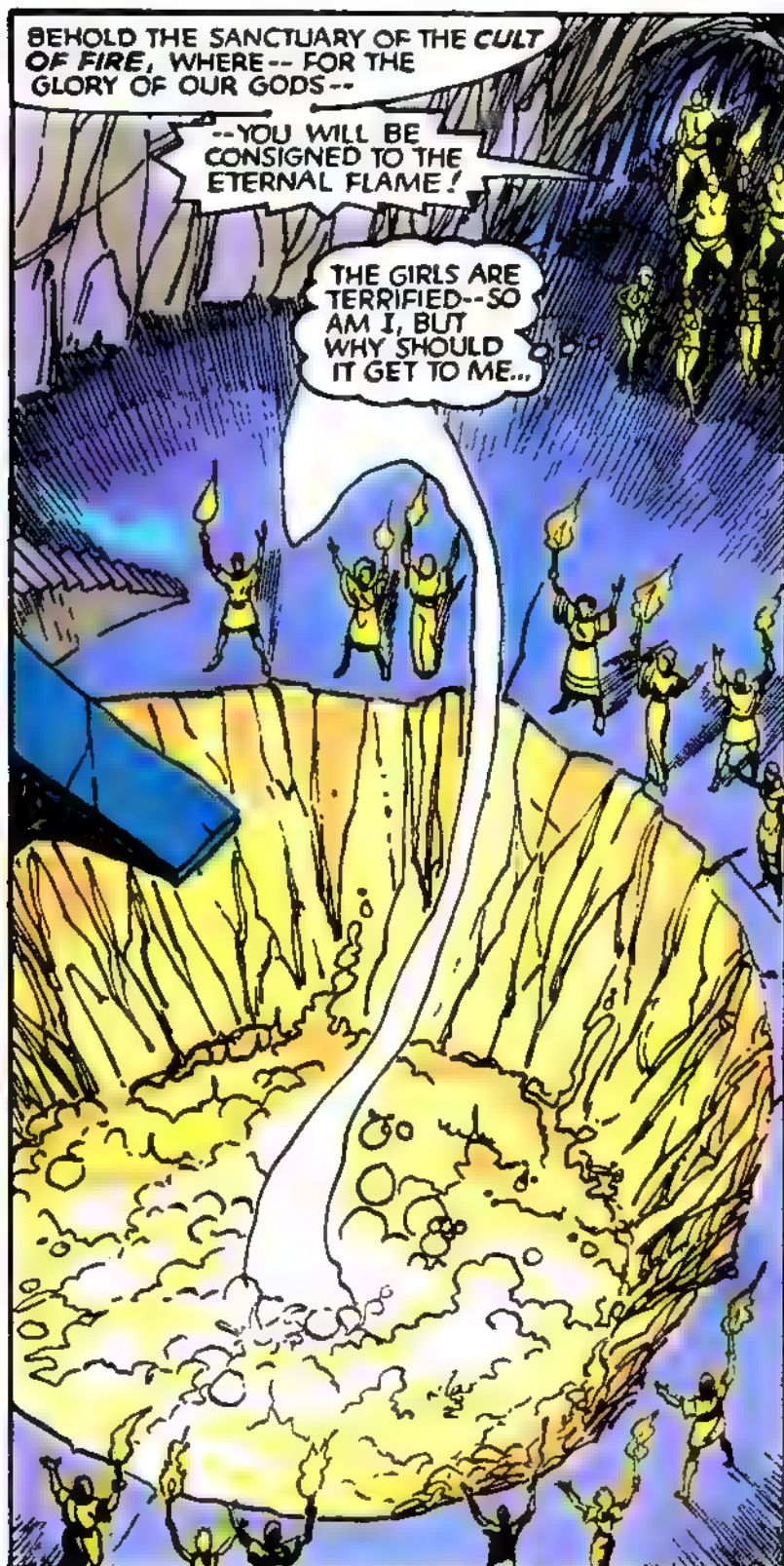




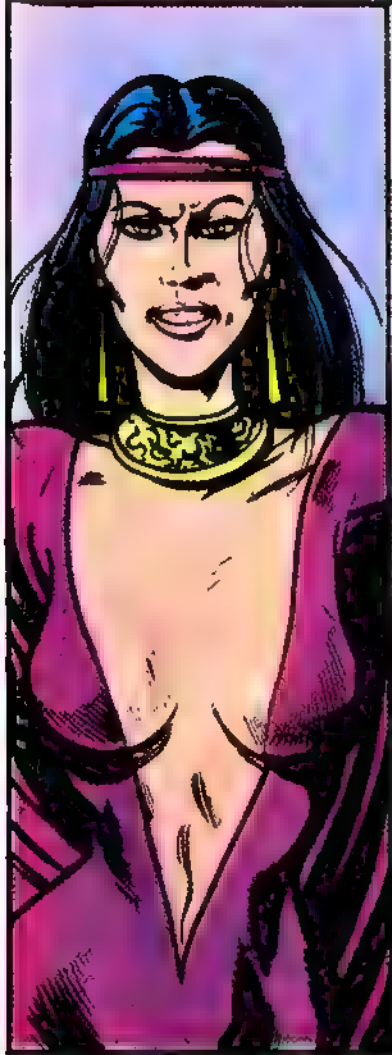








"IT'S SELENE! SHE KNOWS WHAT I CAN DO AND SHE'S USING HER OWN PSIONIC ABILITIES TO BLOCK MINE!"



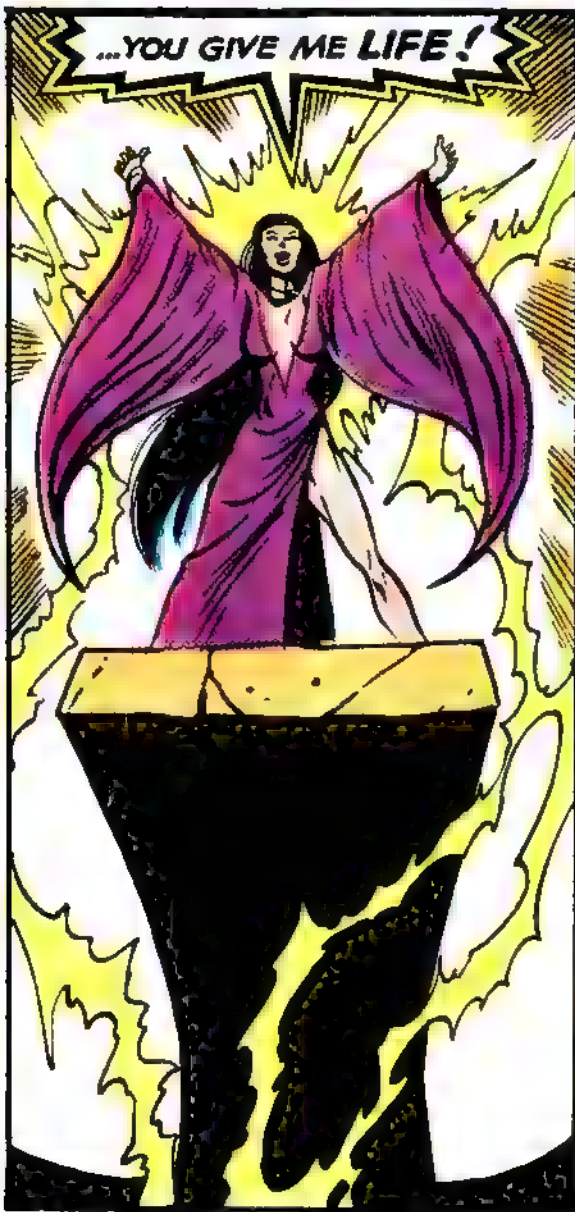
I DO YOU THE SUPREME HONOR, GIRL.



FOR WITH YOUR DEATH...



...YOU GIVE ME LIFE!



I AM, AFTER ALL, A GODDESS, WHO HAS WALKED THE EARTH SINCE BEFORE THE DAWN OF HISTORY.

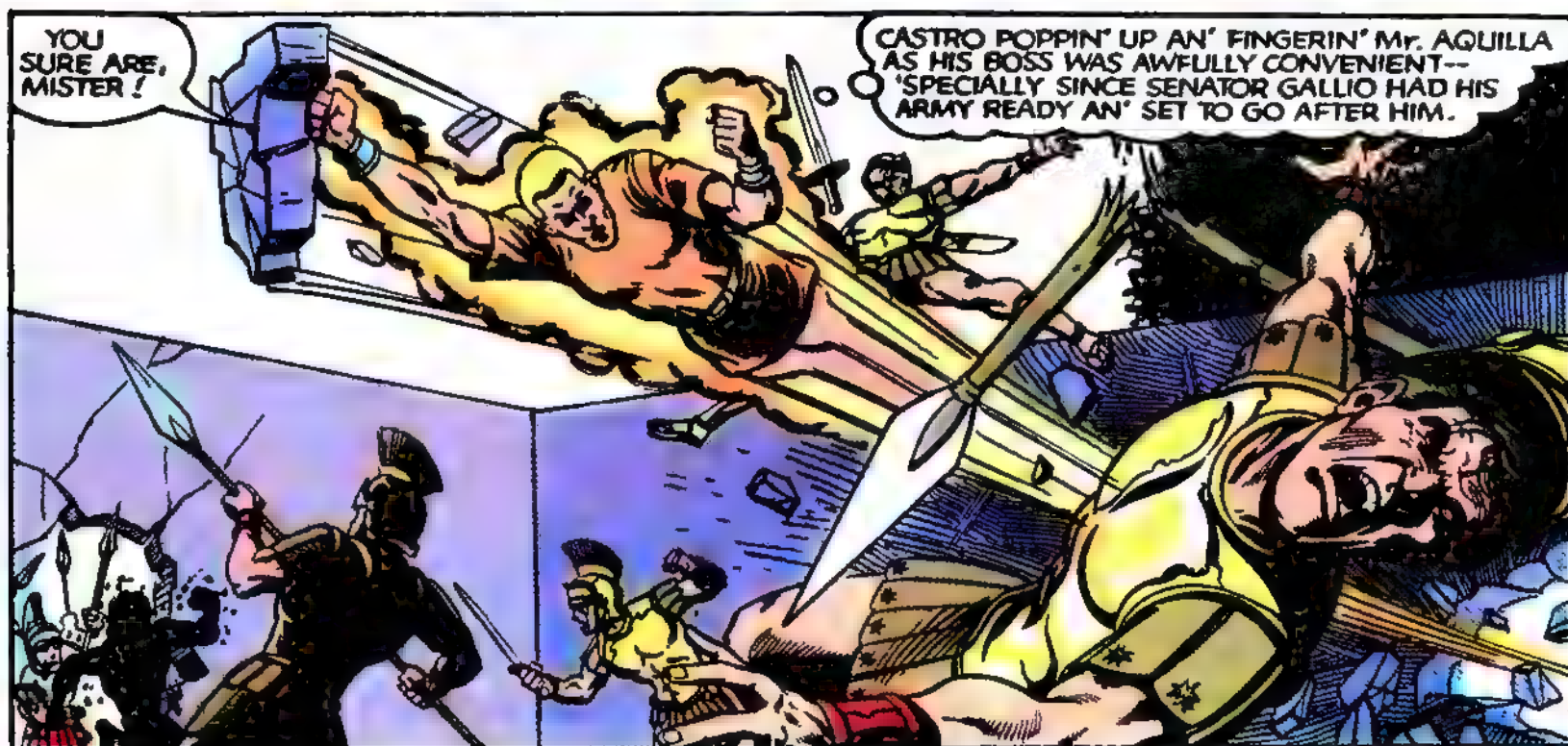
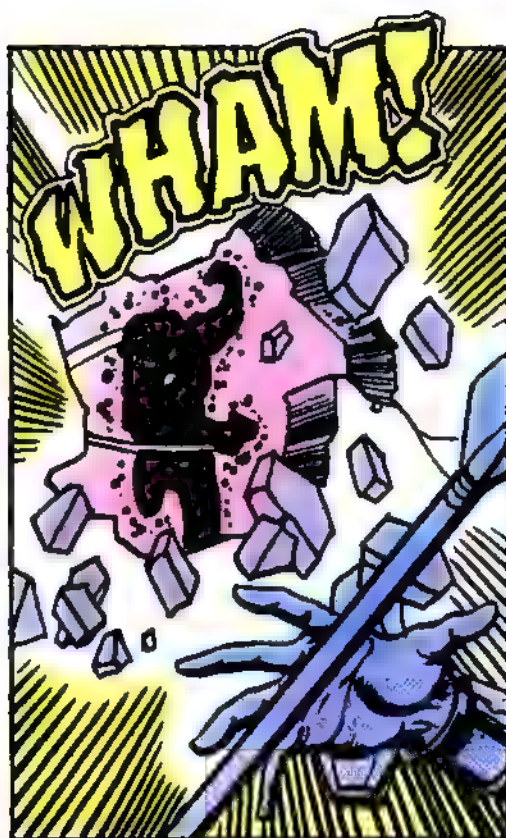
COUNTLESS THOUSANDS HAVE GONE TO THE FIRE IN MY NAME.

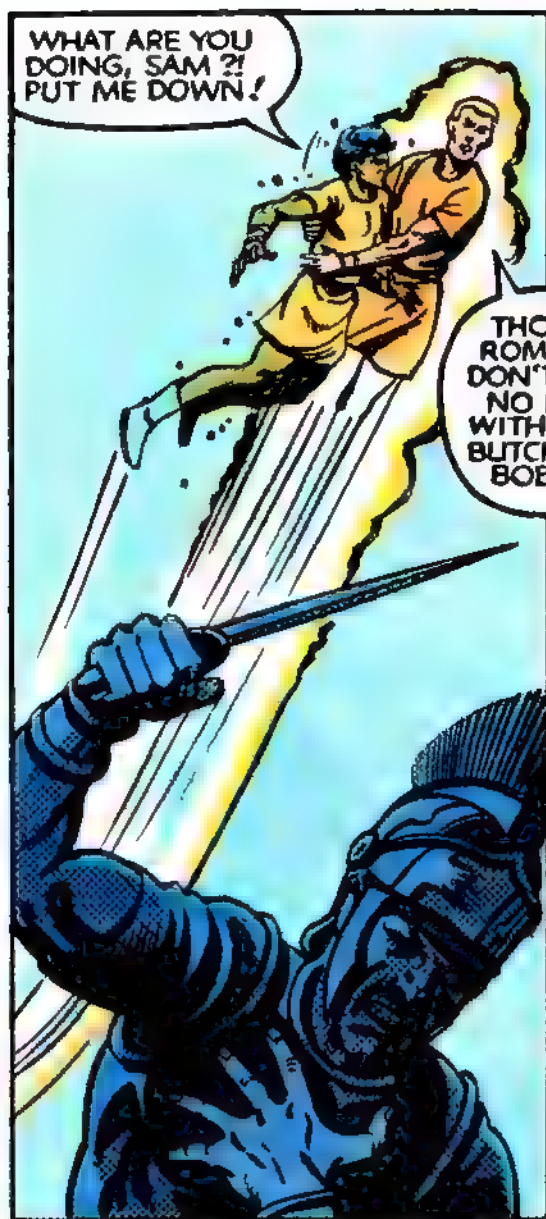


WHICH OF YOU TWO...

...WILL BE THE NEXT?







WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SAM?! PUT ME DOWN!

THOSE ROMANS DON'T NEED NO HELP WITH THEIR BUTCHERIN', BOBBY.



YOU AN' ME HAVE GOTTA TALK-- WHERE GALLIO CAN'T HEAR US.

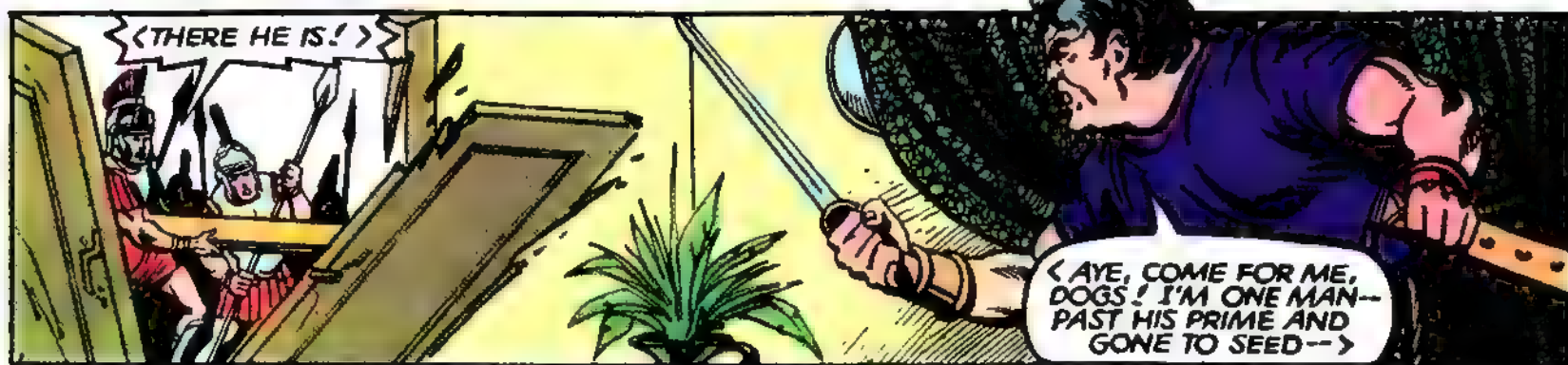
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!



MAYBE RAHNE'S RIGHT AN' AH'M LETTIN' AMARA GET TO ME. BUT AH DON'T TRUST GALLIO AN' AH SURE DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOIN' DOWN.

WE CAN'T STOP AGUILLA'S BEIN' ARRESTED, BUT WE CAN MAKE SURE HE AIN'T KILLED-- "ACCIDENTALLY"-- IN THE FIGHT. HE DESERVES A FAIR TRIAL, IN A PROPER COURT. AH MEAN TO SEE HE GETS IT.

AGREED, MY FRIEND.



<THERE HE IS!>

<AYE, COME FOR ME, DOGS! I'M ONE MAN-- PAST HIS PRIME AND GONE TO SEED-->



<-- WHAT HAVE YOU TO FEAR FROM ME?!>

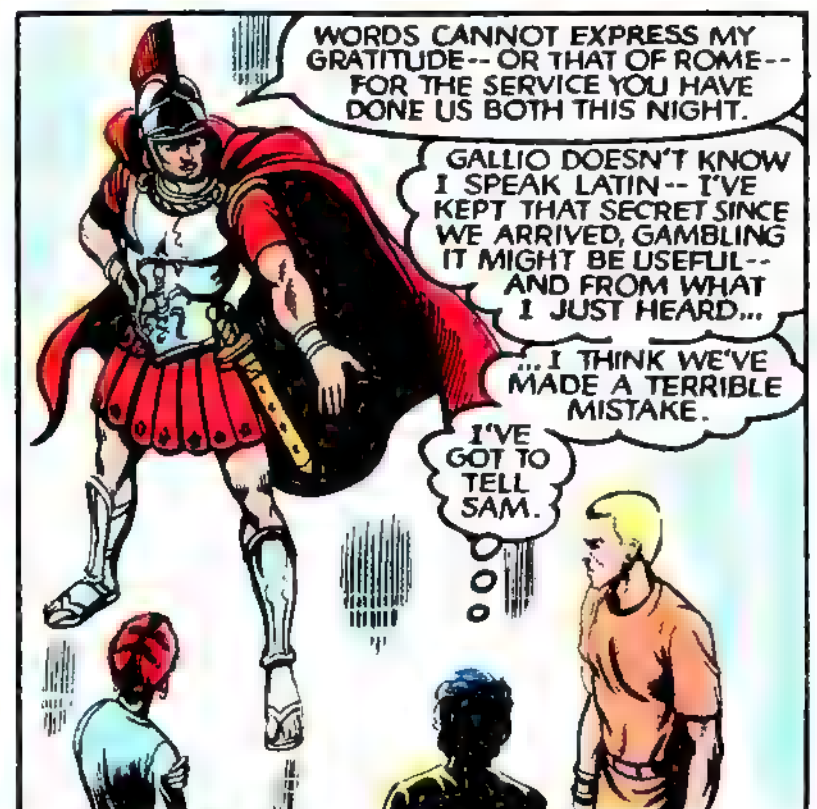
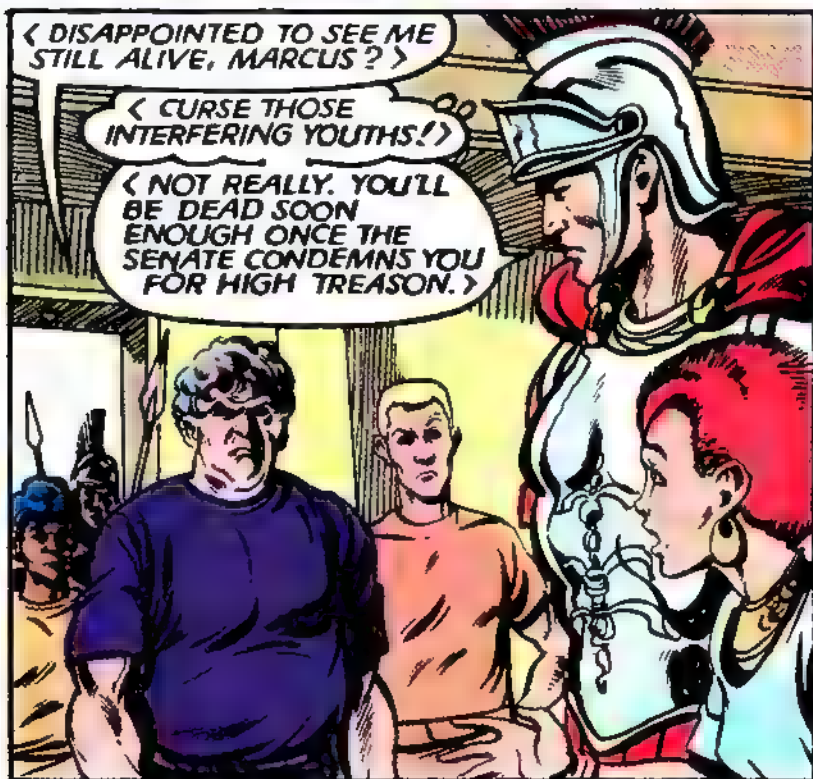
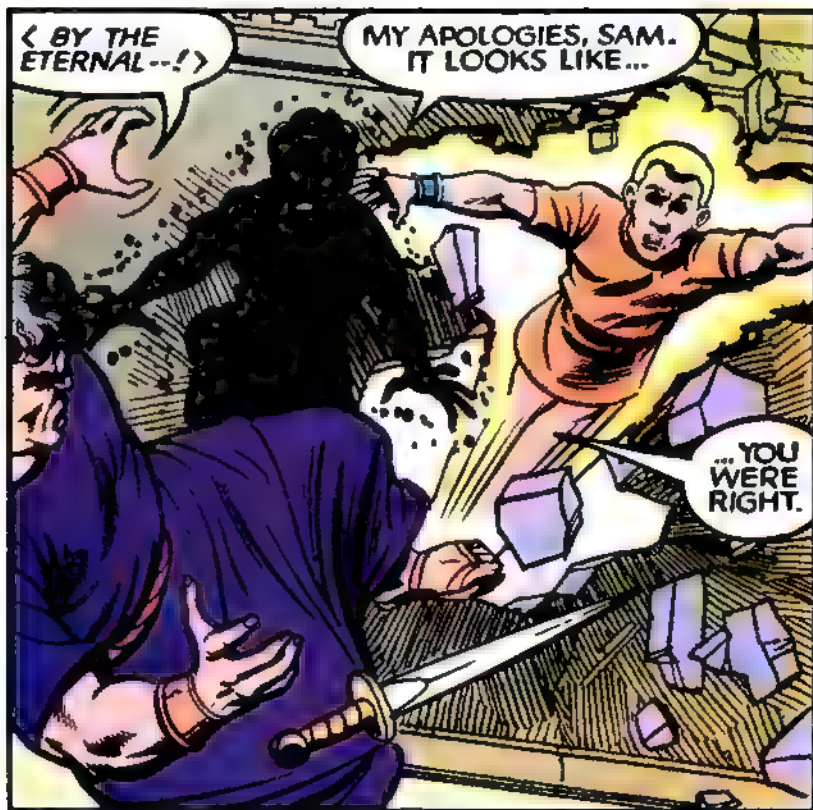
YEURRGH*



<FORWARD, MEN! LORD GALLIO WANTS AGUILLA'S HEAD ON A PIKE!>

<IF SO, CENTURION, IT'LL COST HIM DEAR.>

<WHO DIES NEXT?!>



ELSEWHERE... FROM THE MOMENT OF YOUR BIRTH, AMARA, I KNEW YOU WOULD SOMEDAY BE MINE...

...TO TAKE, AS I DID YOUR MOTHER.

YOUR FATHER HOPED TO SAVE YOU BY HIDING YOU AMONG THE **AMAZONS** -- THOSE WHO'D FLED ROME TO ESCAPE MY CULT -- BUT YOU ARE AS STUBBORN AND COURAGEOUS AS HE. YOU RETURNED TO HELP HIS CAUSE.

AS A REWARD...

...YOU WILL SHARE HIS FATE.

WHEN YOU PERISH AT MY HAND, SO WILL HE AT THE HAND OF MY HUSBAND, GALLIO. THE REPUBLIC WILL BE NO MORE. ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS WILL BE DUST.

NO!

I DON'T CARE HOW STRONG SELENE IS, I CAN'T LET HER KILL ANYONE ELSE! I HAVE TO--

--BREAK FREE!

A SPIRIT-FORM OF THEIR GREATEST FEAR...

...SHOULD KEEP THE GOONS OFF MY BACK.

BOY, I WISH I HAD A RIFLE, OR MY BOW, ANYTHING TO DROP SELENE FROM A DISTANCE.

WHAT--?!

I SURPRISED HER! SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T FIGURE ANYONE WAS HER EQUAL!

IF I CAN DISTRACT HER WITH A SPIRIT-FORM, I CAN SHOVE HER INTO THE LAVA--
URRRK!

YOU SHOULD HAVE FLED WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE, YOUNGLING.

I AM PROOF AGAINST YOUR MIND-TRICKS.



WE ARE KIN, YOU AND I-- OF THE SAME BLOOD--

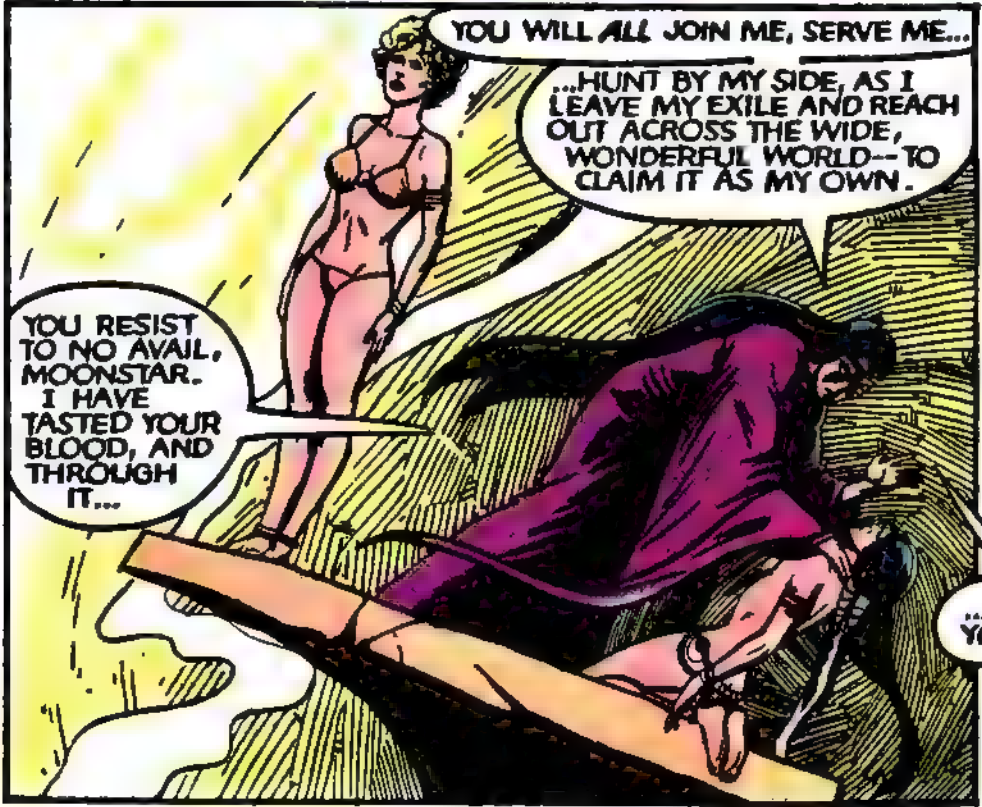
-- I SENSED IT THE MOMENT I SAW YOU IN THE ARENA.

NOW, I AM CERTAIN. FOR COUNTLESS GENERATIONS, I HAVE WANDERED THE EARTH ALONE, BELIEVING MYSELF TO BE UNIQUE-- A DIFFERENT, BETTER BREED THAN HUMAN.



YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE SHOWN ME THAT I AM NOT ALONE.

WHAT'S SHE SAYING-- THAT SHE'S A MUTANT?! ARE WE SUCH... MONSTERS?! NO WONDER PEOPLE... FEAR... HATE US.



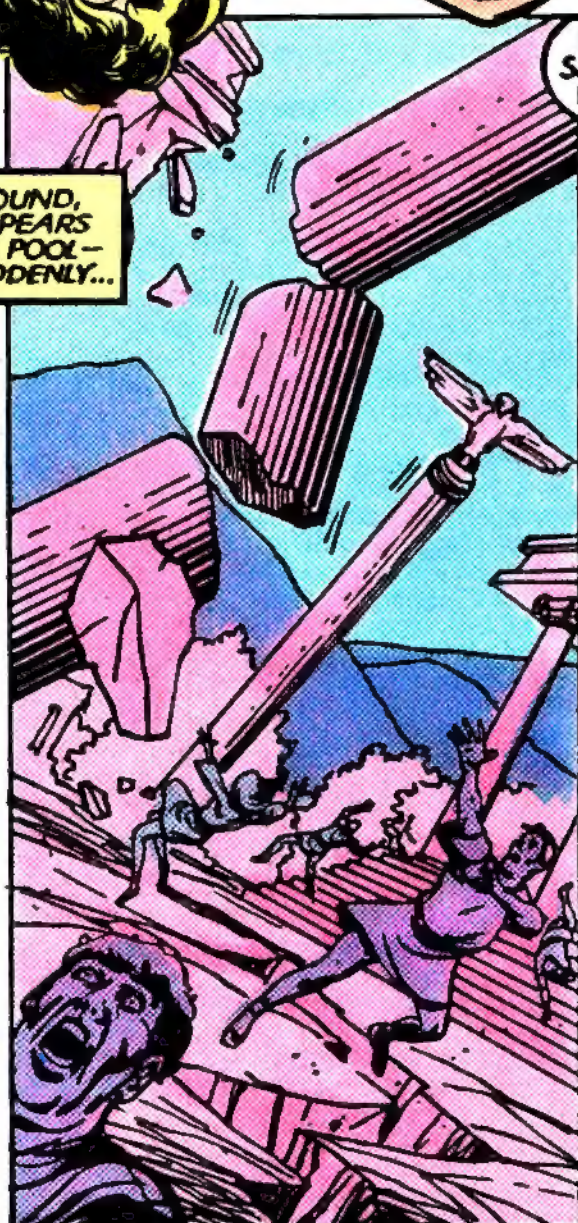
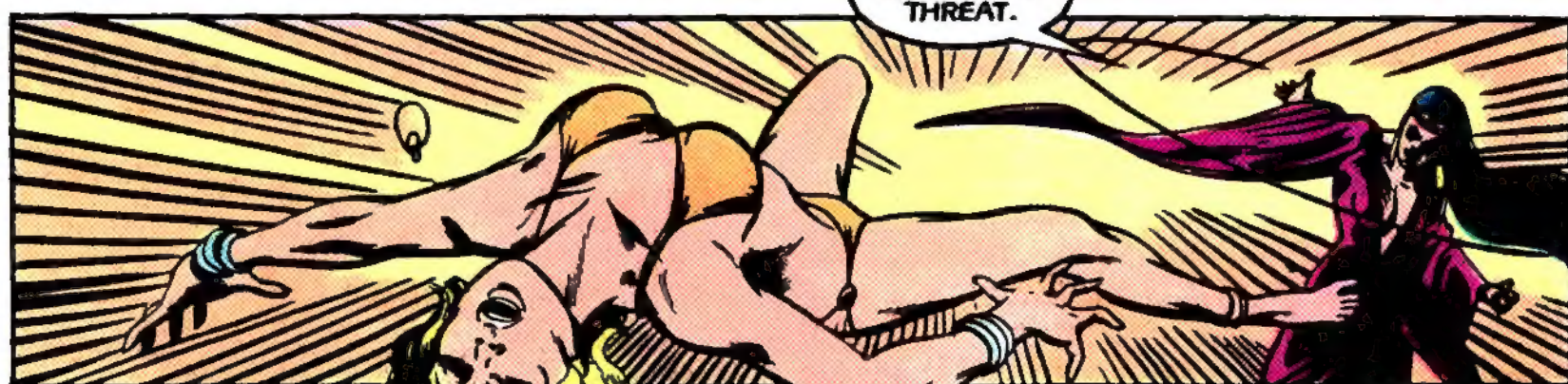
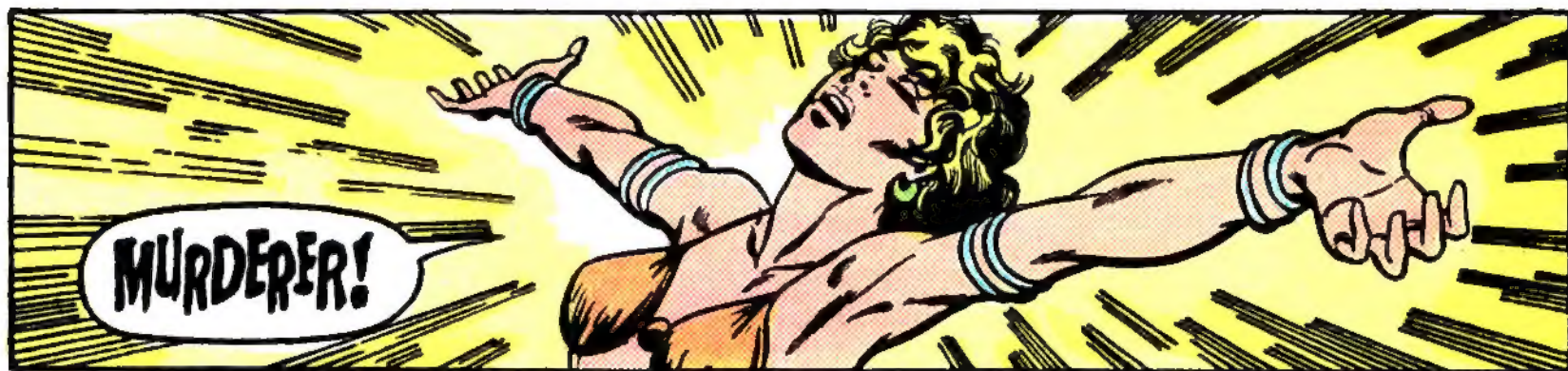
YOU WILL ALL JOIN ME, SERVE ME...

...HUNT BY MY SIDE, AS I LEAVE MY EXILE AND REACH OUT ACROSS THE WIDE, WONDERFUL WORLD-- TO CLAIM IT AS MY OWN.

YOU RESIST TO NO AVAIL, MOONSTAR. I HAVE TASTED YOUR BLOOD, AND THROUGH IT...

...TOUCHED YOUR SOUL.





Bullpen Bulletins

HERE'S THE SITUATION...

I, Editor in Chief and Supreme High Kahuna of Marvel Comics, will be leaving very soon on a month-long trip around the country to attend several of the biggest Comics Conventions of the year. Every single one of the Editors here at Marvel will be going with me. That means no one will be here at the House of Ideas guarding the fort — except the Assistant Editors!

They will be in complete charge of one entire month's worth of Marvel Comics. For that month, they will be the absolute masters of the Marvel Universe.

And they're up to something! Something... strange.

This is no gag. No joke. Really, honestly, I thought it would be good for our assistant editors to have a real chance on the firing line — to have a shot at wielding the enormous responsibility and power of being editors-for-a-month under actual combat conditions — so I arranged it. Somewhat to my amazement, they're taking it very seriously! They see this as their opportunity not to merely caretake the comics for a month, but to do the stories they've always wanted to do! To oversee a month's worth of the wildest, most spectacular, most unforgettable and possibly weirdest Marvel Comics ever published! To prove themselves by knocking the world on its ear with every single issue coming out that month!

What month? Next month. All Marvel Comics which bear a January cover date, which will be on sale next month, in September, are the ones to watch for.

The Assistant Editors have been very secretive about what they have planned, so I can't tell you anything about next month's stories — I honestly don't know what they've got cooking. I firmly believe that these issues are going to be one-of-a-kind collector's items, though, and if I were you, I wouldn't miss any of next month's issues. I don't

say that lightly, by the way. If you read this column regularly, you know that I don't hard-sell anything, and rarely even give a plug. I leave the hype for the Hype Box. This is an unusual circumstance, though, I think. Assistant Editors Month has really grown from an innocent little educational exercise into an event!

Okay, enough about that. You've been advised — or warned, depending upon how you look at it.

By the way, Editor Mark Gruenwald's assistant

Mike Carlin asked me to run the ad which appears below. So there it is!

Stay well,

Stan Lee

P.S. Being that I'll be away for a month, the next Bullpen Page will be written by my assistant-and-secretary, Lynn Cohen! I'll be back writing this, the most-widely-read page in comics the following month! See you!



THE HYPE BOX

MAGIK (Storm and Illyana Limited Series) #1 — Attention X-MEN lovers! This is the one you've been waiting for! The most bizarre Limited Series you'll ever read, as Storm, Kitty Pryde, Nightcrawler, and Colossus' sister, Illyana Rasputin, are trapped in the demon-lord Belasco's dark dimension! It's written by CHRIS CLAREMONT, with art by JOHN BUSCEMA and TOM PALMER. We predict it's gonna be the most talked about Limited Series since *Wolverine's*! How can you resist?

KA-ZAR #29 — Could there be a better place to hold a wedding than the beautiful and exotic land of Pangea? Well, yes. Virtually *anyplace*, if you don't want to be interrupted by the hell-spawn Belasco! (He does get around, doesn't he?) Are those wedding bells we hear tolling for Ka-Zar and Shanna, or funeral bells? A special double-sized spectacular brought to you by MIKE CARLIN, RON FRENZ, and ARMANDO GIL. And, for one issue only, it's available at newsstands as well as comics specialty shops, so there's no excuse for missing this one!

X-MEN #176 — You got a small taste of his work last issue, but here's the real thing: the eagerly anticipated pencils of the X-MEN's newest artist, JOHN ROMITA JR! That's right, Marvel's hottest young talent tackles Marvel's favorite team book. Along with writer CHRIS CLAREMONT and inker BOB WIACEK, he brings you an incredible story of giant squids and a honeymoon in outer space. Destined to be a milestone!

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